

REMARKS

Claim 24 has been amended to incorporate the features of base Claim 21. Accordingly, Claim 21 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 22-23, which previously depended from canceled Claim 21, have been amended to depend from Claim 24. All claim amendments herein are directed towards matters of form and are thus unrelated to patentability.

The headings below are numbered to correspond with the heading numbering used by the Examiner in the Office Action.

2. The title has been amended.

The Examiner states:

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. (Office Action, page 2).

The title has been amended to recite --IMAGE SENSOR PACKAGE COMPRISING INSULATIVE LAYER--. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the title.

3/4) Claims 22-23 are novel over Hoffman (6,603,183).

Claims 22-23 have been amended and now depend from Claim 24. As set forth below, Claim 24 is allowable. Claims 22-23, which depend from Claim 24, are allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 24.

For the above reason, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

5/6) Claims 1-5, 7-12, 24-25 are patentable over Hoffman and Tu et al. (6,559,539).

Applicants respectfully submit that reliance on Hoffman (6,603,183, hereinafter Hoffman) as prior art for the purpose

of rejecting Claims 1-5, 7-12, 24-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is improper.

Applicants represent that both Hoffman and the invention of this application, serial number 10/712,839, filed November 12, 2003, were, at the time this invention was made, owned by or subject to an obligation of assignment to Amkor Technology, Inc., Chandler, AZ (US).

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Hoffman is not prior art by operation of 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) for the purpose of rejection of Claims 1-5, 7-12, 24-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Applicants respectfully point out that 35 U.S.C. § 103(c)(1) states:

Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under one or more of subsections (e), (f), and (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

Hoffman, cited as prior art by the Examiner, meets the requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) related to common ownership or common obligation of assignment at the time of the invention of this application, serial number 10/712,839. In addition, Hoffman qualifies as prior art, if at all, only under subsection (e) of 35 U.S.C. § 102. Finally, the current application was filed after the effective date, (November 29, 1999), of applicable amendments to 35 U.S.C. Consequently, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-5, 7-12, 24-25 are allowable over Hoffman and Tu et al.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

7) Claims 6 and 13-15 are patentable over Hoffman and Tu et al. and further in view of Komiyama (6,329,708).

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that Hoffman is not prior art by operation of 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) for the purpose of rejection of Claims 6 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Consequently, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 6 and 13-15 are allowable over Hoffman and Tu et al. and further in view of Komiyama.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Conclusion

Claims 1-15, 22-25 are pending in the application. For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant(s).

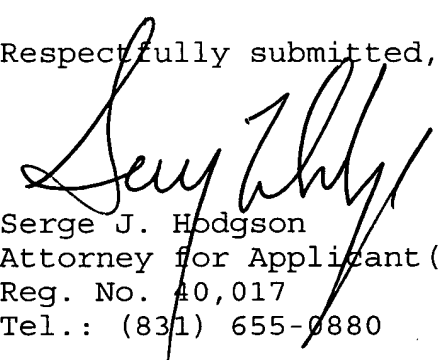
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